

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

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My name is Ramona Hyrne. I am writing you regarding your reconsiderration of the rules that require telephone companies to provide ISP's access to the public switched phone network. Removal of these requirements would be a grave mistake.

I and millions of others like me depend on my local Internet Service Provider to give me access to Internet services and options not available from the large telephone carriers. If you choose to remove my ISP's access to the public phone network, it will no longer be able to provide me and others the level of service we have come to enjoy and expect for Internet access. Such action will simply force independent ISP's out of business and will do nothing but LIMIT consumer choice not expand it.

Furthermore, by removing fair interconnection requirements and reducing our choice, you will likely also allow consumer rates to rise. By having a current choice among several providers, I am not only allowed to find the best services to suit my needs, but also for the best price. Reducing the number of ISP's in the marketplace will certainly have the obvious result of reduced competition and increased prices for consumers in the long run.

I sincerely hope that you think very carefully what you are considering. Consumers all across America are depending on you to make the right decision. The right decision is to maintain and grow the level of competition in the Internet marketplace. That goal is best met by protecting and nurturing competitive marketing conditions for the thousand's of independent ISP's - not by handing even more market power to the monopolies who control our phone network.

This country has thrived on smaller businesses and growth of these companies. It is imperative that the smaller organizations be allowed to grow and allow the consumers of these services decided which company they wish to purchase these services from.

Commissioners, I implore you to continue to protect the ISP's access to the public telephone networks, thereby protecting the rights of millions of consumers. I personally like my internet company and want to have the choice to keep their services. They have provided a quality service, that is at a reasonable cost and meets my needs well.

Thank you for assistance in allowing the citizens of this country to choose the services that they desire.

Sincerely,

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